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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

YOSHIHIRO NISHIYAMA ET AL.

Serial No. 09/834,085

Filing Date: April 12, 2001

For THIN FILM MAGNETIC HEAD
COMPRISING SiON FILM (*As Amended*)

Examiner W. Klimowicz

Group Art Unit No. 2652

AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated January 10, 2003, Applicants have timely filed this Amendment by Certificate of Mailing with a one-month time extension. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw the rejections to this Application and to grant its allowance in view of the following remarks and amended claims.

Please amend this application as follows: